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E.O. 11652: GDS: 12-31-79

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SUBJ: BURDENSARING: NAC DISCUSSION NOV 29

REF: A. USNATO 5765

B. STATE 231268

1. CHAIRMAN LUNS ANNOUNCED THAT REPORT HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MILITARY BUDGET AND CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEES IN RESPONSE TO COUNCIL DIRECTIVE (PO/73/147 (REVISED)) (AS MODIFIED PER USNATO 5765), AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT REPORTS FROM INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND FROM CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

2. RUMSFELD (US) TABLED ILLUSTRATION, EMBODYING PROPOSAL SET FORTH STATE 231268, ASSUMING \$2.5 BILLION EXPENDITURES IN EUROPE FOR FY 74 AND \$1.6 BILLION OFFSET BY FRG AND CALLING FOR \$900 MILLION DIFFERENCE BEING PICKED UP BY ALLIES ON BASIS OF INCREASED MILITARY PROCUREMENT IN US IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750 MILLION AND ASSUMPTION OF BUDGETARY COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150 MILLION. RUMSFELD EMPHASIZED ILLUSTRATIVE NATURE OF CASE PRESENTED AND CONFIDENTIAL

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FACT THAT IF PRINCIPLE ASSUMPTIONS EMPLOYED IN ILLUSTRATION CHANGE (\$2.5 BILLION TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND \$1.6 BILLION FRG OFFSET), \$900 MILLION, \$750 MILLION AND \$150 MILLION FIGURES USED IN ILLUSTRATION MUST ALSO CHANGE ACCORDINGLY.

3. SPEAKING PERSONALLY SPIEREBURN (NETHERLANDS) INTERVENED IN MOST HELPFUL VEIN. AFTER ENGAGING IN COLLOQUY WITH RUMSFELD AND LUNS, HE SAID HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED THAT GON COULD AND WOULD ASSUME ITS FAIR SHARE OF ADDITIONAL BOP AND BUDGET BURDENS ALONG LINES OF "ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES" JUST PROVIDED BY U.S. HOWEVER, HE WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT DISCUSSION OF ASSUMPTION OF BUDGETARY COSTS BY EUROPEAN ALLIES COULD BE RENDERED FUTILE BY PECK'S (UK) STATEMENT IN NOVEMBER 28 NAC THAT UK WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE (SEE USNATO 5765). THE GIST OF HIS INTERVENTION WAS THAT IF ANY EUROPEAN PARTNER REFUSES TO PLAY, THOSE PARTNERS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE WILLING TO PLAY WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DO SO.

4. COUNCIL AGREED TO RESUME DISCUSSION OF BURDENSARING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3. RUMSFELD

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